

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/725,421	Applicant(s) ONUMA ET AL.	
	Examiner Holly Rickman	Art Unit 1773	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Holly Rickman (3) _____
 (2) Scott Shulte (4) _____

Date of Interview: 19 October 2004.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: claim 1 & all claims depending therefrom.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see below

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Mr. Shulte argued that the invention claimed requires a soft magnetic layer and a seed layer containing B and it is this combination that produces a benefit over what was known in the prior art. Mr. Shulte argued that the applied combination does not provide sufficient motivation to combine. The examiner indicated that the motivation is found in the 2^o reference.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Holly Rickman
 Examiner's signature, if required